

CAPSULE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

407 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas L. Hennessey

Telephone #: 823-7710

STREET & NUMBER

407 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Liber #: 5045

Folio #: 206

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>May, 1979</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
Exterior Only:

This bungalow is somewhat unusual compared to others in the Towson area with its variety in material, roof lines and perimeter.

The 1½ story structure is covered with stucco and is topped by a hipped slate roof with gabled dormers. The fenestration is a regular 6/1 sash.

The facade facing North is the main facade. The main block is three bays wide with a small one bay hipped-roof projection on the east end.

A brick water table divides the high stucco foundation from the walls and surrounds the entire building.

The westernmost bay has a very wide 6/1 sash window flanked by narrow windows of the same. The east bay is enclosed by modern alterations.

A single story porch covers the main block. Large pyramidal columns rest on brick piers and support the pedimented roof. Although these columns appear to be massive masonry, they are in fact hollow and made of ceramic tile. The porch itself extends around to cover the west facade as well.

The east extension is one bay wide, one bay long, projects North and is topped by a slate hipped roof. A pair of 10 light casement windows meet at the northeast corner.

The main roof, which has a wide tongue-and-groove overhang, contains a centrally located gable-roof dormer on all but the south facade. Each is covered with slate and is vented by a pair of 6/1 sash windows.

The porch which extended to the west facade has been enclosed on the southernmost end. The open portion has its own pedimented roof. Breaking the ridge of the roof is an exterior end shouldered brick chimney.

Extending the main block to the South is a single story addition two bays wide and two bays long. This too has been stuccoed and has a brick water table. A frame addition which has a rockface formstone foundation is also two bays by two bays. Both blocks are beneath one slate hipped roof.

The roof of the south facade, unlike the others, has a small shed roof dormer vented by two three-light horizontal windows. There is also a small gabled dormer almost hidden by the extensions.

The fenestration is regular on the east facade with one exception of a small centrally located window.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

A nearly square one car garage stands to the South of the building. As do most garages in this neighborhood, the fenestration, wall covering, and roof line are the same as the main block of the house. The main door faces Highland Avenue to the West, with an entrance door on the north facade facing the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1915 - 1920's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

D. O. Schultz

WAYNE L. NIELD, II

ORGANIZATION

HISTORIC TOWSON, INC

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 407 W. PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
Parcel 537, map 70-A

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
5045	206	October 20, 1969	Ethel Marie Cockey et al	Thomas L. Hennessey & wf.

Beginning at the corner formed by the east side of Highland Ave. with the south side of Pennsylvania Ave. Easterly on the south side of Pennsylvania Ave. 250 feet, Southerly 180 feet, Westerly 250 feet, Northerly 180 feet to beginning. Known as # 407 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

John T. Cockey died March 20, 1933 leaving his property by way of his Last Will & Testament 28/442 to his wife Ethel. After her death December 4, 1968 the property went to his children.

626	350	September 28, 1925	James P. Offutt	John T. Cockey
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569	35	January 13, 1923	George H. Stieber & wife	John T. Cockey & wife
429	188	May 20, 1914	Marion H. Merryman & wife	George H. Stieber

MORTGAGE RECORD

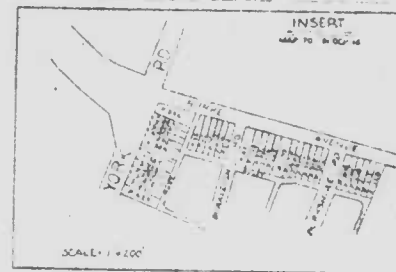
Mortgage Book 210, Folio 131 July 15, 1899

Dr. Grafton M. Bosley to the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company
for \$11,500

Twelve lots situated West of Towson represented on a plat filed with
the mortgage.

For the purpose of making accessible the said lots, the following
Avenues represented on the plat "are hereby dedicated to public use...":

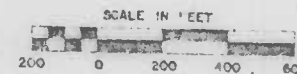
Chesapeake Avenue
Pennsylvania Avenue
Allegheny Avenue
Highland Avenue
Bosley Avenue



TOWSON
SCALE 1" = 200'

DEPT. OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION
TAL MAP DIVISION
BALTIMORE, MD.

MAP NO
7CA





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NORTH FACADE
407 PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE

WAYNE NIELD II
MARCH 1979



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WEST FACADE
407 PENNSYLVANIA
AVENUE

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